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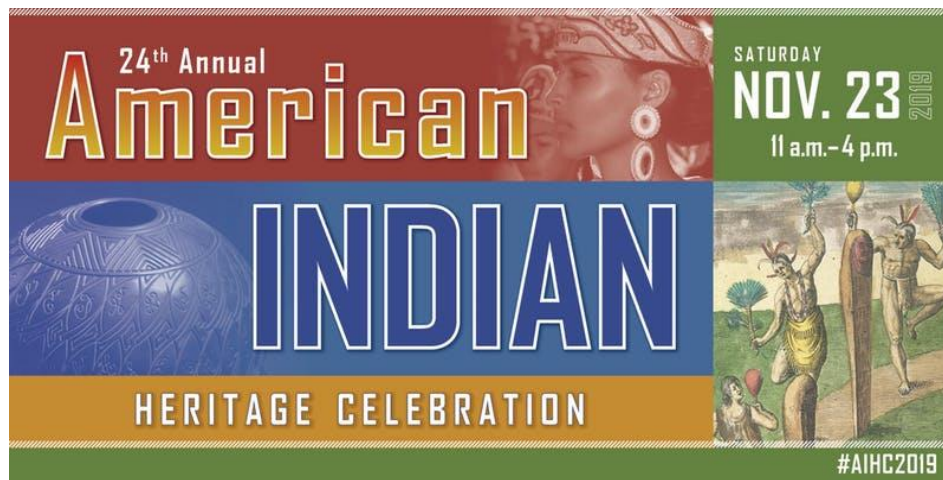
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## MEDIA ALERT

### 24th Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration

*Celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month at the NC Museum of History*



**WHAT:** 24th Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 23, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

**WHERE:** North Carolina Museum of History  
5 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

**DETAILS:** RALEIGH, N.C. – For the 24th year, people of all ages will attend the [American Indian Heritage Celebration](#) at the North Carolina Museum of History in downtown Raleigh. Musicians, dancers, artists, storytellers, and authors from North Carolina’s eight state-recognized tribes will gather for this popular family event. Visitors can tour exhibit tables and meet representatives of the community, participate in workshops and craft activities, and learn about North Carolina’s American Indian population, past and present.

Named a Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society, the 24th annual AIHC festival offers something for all ages and provides a firsthand opportunity to learn about the state’s American Indian culture—with a population of over 120,000, it’s the largest east of the Mississippi River. **Admission is free.**

For a [promotional video](#) (links to photos from last year's festival, as well as parking instructions and other information appear on this page, too) and a [full schedule of all performances and presentations](#), call 919-814-7900 or visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org/events](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/events).

*This event is sponsored, in part, by the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art—to find out more about how NEA grants impact individuals and communities, visit [arts.gov](http://arts.gov); the City of Raleigh, based on recommendation of the Raleigh Arts Commission; United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County; Food Lion; WellCare Health Plans Inc.; Locklear Roofing; Red Hat Inc.; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina; Friends of Town Creek Indian Mound Inc.; Triangle Native American Society; Lumbee Guaranty Bank; the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; and MOHA, the Museum of History Associates—come to the festival and join the museum today to get your [MOHA/museum membership for half-price](#).*

**For information about the NC Museum of History**, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

### **About the NC Museum of History**

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Last year, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

### **About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network**

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at [affiliations.si.edu](http://affiliations.si.edu).

### **About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit [DNCR.nc.gov](http://DNCR.nc.gov).

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